

The PVRC Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 12, 1987

Paint Branch High School

Silver Spring, Maryland

(directions on page two)

Please pay 1987 dues of \$10 to me or W3XE
(\$5 for out-of-area members)

Contests:

Jan. 3-4, "73" 10 meter SSB

Jan. 11, "73" 20 meter SSB

Jan. 17-18, "73" 160 meter SSB

Jan. 24-25, French CW

Jan. 25, "73" 75 meter SSB

Feb. 7-8, QCWA CW QSO party

Jan. 10, "73" 15 meter SSB

Jan. 10-12, ARRL VHF Sweepstakes

Jan. 23-25, CQ WW 160 meter CW

Jan. 24, "73" 40 meter SSB

Feb. 7-8, RSGB 7 MHz. SSB

It was good to see so many of you at the PVRC dinner. On the contest news front, as you may know, Scotty, KODQ operating W3GRF, may have won CQ WW CW for U.S. single op./all band. The duping will decided between W3GRF and K1ZM. Although conditions for the CW weekend were not as good as for the SSB weekend, sometimes unsettled conditions favor this area over those to the North. KC8C also had around 2 million points for a tremendous effort, also single op./all band. The radiation levels in the Temple Hills, Maryland area were noticeably elevated that weekend, and I understand that the Environmental Protection Agency is investigating.

Also, Carl, K3RV, appears to have taken 15 meter CW single op./single band for the U.S.A. (he did the same on SSB). W3LPL closed the gap on N2AA, but not quite enough, 7.5 million to 7.2 million points. Pretty impressive, nevertheless, considering that the station still is operating with less than a full 'LPL' compliment of antennas.

Now is the time to begin planning for ARRL CW and SSB, CW to be held on February 14-15 and SSB March 7-8. There's a few good antenna days mixed in with the bad, so prepare if you have something that needs doing. If antenna work is done, why not sharpen your skills for a few hours in one of the many contests held before ARRL CW? I've listed the major ones above - "73" magazine's SSB contests dominate the month, and can be fun without using up an entire weekend.

See you on the 12th - I'll be fresh back from operating K3ZJ/6Y5.

Christmas Dinner. A recent record of 50 were in attendance at the Christmas Dinner at the Fort Myer Officers' Club on December 9th. Short remarks were made by Tom Warren, K3TW, who was temporarily in town after his recent operations at HSOA and 9N1MM; Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, ARRL Atlantic Division Director (and PVRC member); and Larry Price, W4RA, President of

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the ARRL. Also in attendance were ARRL Roanoke Division vice-director (and also PVRC member) John Kanode, N4MM; Perry Williams, W1UED, ARRL Secretary and Washington Representative; and Chris Imlay, N3AKD, ARRL legal counsel. John Johnston, Branch Chief in the Private Radio Bureau, and his wife Jean also were in attendance. Jim Talens, N3JT, was the feature speaker and gave a very interesting description of San Andres Island and his N3JT/HK0 operation. Other PVRC members and guests included: WA3TAI, K3SA, W3XE, KE9A, KC8C, W3LPL, WB4J, N4LSP, W3GN, W4GF, N8II, W3UJ, N2FB, N3AKD, W3BE, N4MM, W6AXX, WB3JRU, W2GHK, KM3T, W4RA, W9LT, K3UA, K3WS, K3ZJ, M3AM, K6ETM, AA4I, W4HU, and K3DI.

Safety First. During the CQ WW CW contest Bernie, WB3JRU, came into contact with high voltage feeding a linear amplifier. Bernie was hospitalized for several days, but appears to have suffered no lasting ill effects -- perhaps due more to luck than any other factor. It certainly was good to see him at the Christmas dinner. The event should serve as a reminder to all of us to make sure our shacks are as safe and foolproof as possible. Remember, after a few hours of intense contesting even the most careful and prudent are somewhat less than 100% careful and alert, so please take this opportunity to look around your own shack and eliminate anything that could possibly cause harm to you if you accidentally came in contact with it. And if you have guest operators, be doubly careful.

ARTICLES, ads, etc. for the February notice should be mailed to K3ZJ, address on the first page, no later than January 16. A number of members are always mailing something but it never seems to arrive. Let's go!

Directions to the January Meeting: Paint Branch High Schhol, Rm. A115.

1. D.C. Beltway, counter-clockwise: Exit onto New Hampshire Avenue North (MD 650). Right on US 29 at White Oak. Left on Briggs-Chaney Road at 5th stoplight (Montgomery Auto Park is on right). Right onto Columbia Pike, look for Paint Branch High School on right side, about 1/2 mile after turn.
2. D.C. Beltway, clockwise: Exit onto US 29 North (to Columbia). Left on Briggs-Chaney Road (Montgomery Auto Park is on right). Right onto Columbia Pike, Paint Branch High School is on right, about 1/2 mile after turn.
3. Baltimore and points north: South on US 29 or I 95 or US 1 or Baltimore-Washington Parkway, to Maryland Route 198. Right onto 198, pass intersection with US 29, to "Y". Bear left on the "Y", Paint Branch High School is about 1 mile on left.
4. Olney and points northwest: MD 108 to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650). Right on New Hampshire, to MD 198. Left on MD 198 to Old Columbia Pike (Sandy Springs Bank on right at corner), right on Old Columbia Pike. Paint Branch High School is on left, about 1 mile after turn.